


This is Exhibit "C" referred to in  
the affidavit of ALAN F. GRAVES  
dated at Ottawa, Ontario, this  
24th day of November, 2004.

  
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A Commissioner, etc.

Peterdina Claire Gordon, a Commissioner, etc.,  
City of Ottawa, for Smart & Biggar, Barristers  
and Solicitors and Featherstonhaugh & Co.,  
Patent and Trade Mark Agents.  
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**VIA COURIER**

Alan F. Graves  
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Dear Alan:

Re: Proposed U.S. Patent Application  
Alan F. Graves, et al.  
OPTICAL SWITCH WITH POWER EQUALIZATION  
Your Ref: 11965ROUS01U

*(Please forward one of the enclosed copies of this letter and enclosures to your supervisor, who we understand is David Mann.)*

Further to our meeting on February 29, 2000, enclosed herewith please find a first draft patent application for the above-identified invention.

Please read the draft carefully and provide me with your comments at your earliest convenience. I understand that we have a meeting scheduled on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the draft so I am hopeful that you will be able to complete your review by this date.

You will notice that the draft contains numerous comments and some questions, all of which should be self-explanatory. Please call me if you require further explanations.

Alan Graves  
Our Ref: 71493-750

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For additional information regarding the type of assistance required, please refer to the enclosed form letter from the IP law group at Nortel.

If appropriate, please have any or all of the co-inventors review the draft but provide me with only one consolidated set of comments. Thus far, I have been informed that Andrew Bryant is to be named a co-Inventor and if there are any other co-inventors, please advise me of their identity and contact information.

I would also like to point out that although the "background of the invention" section indeed sets forth the motivation for the invention in a logical and readable manner, this section is probably somewhat longer than what is usually provided in an application under the current Nortel IP Law Group guidelines. Consequently, I may be forced to curtail this section, particularly in respect of references to "known" solution.

I look forward to receiving your comments via e-mail, fax, courier or phone hopefully by Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2000. In the meantime, please call me if you would like to reschedule the meeting or to discuss any issue in further detail.

Yours very truly,

SMART & BIGGAR

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cc:

David Mann (with enclosures - via Alan Graves)  
Amie Kosabek (with enclosures)  
Stephan Georgiev (with enclosures)